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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 101.0058-03000

Customer No. 22882

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 5309
Gary K. Michelson	)	
Serial No.: 10/802,906	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: March 17, 2004	)	Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH	)	
LOCKING ELEMENT (as amended)	)	

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 30, 2007, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendment 11-30-2007